

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of May 21, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 18, and 19 are allowable is appreciated. Accordingly, claims 4, 6, 7, 9, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 8, 11-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Haines in view of Dietz.(sic). It is believed that Dietz is in error and the secondary reference was meant to be US Patent 5,153,042 to Indrelie. Claims 3 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Haines in view of Indrelie and further in view of Kirk.

Claim 1 has been amended to include a feature of claim 10 that "said material of said strip comprises oriented polypropylene comprising a cavitated core." As discussed in the instant application, page 7, beginning on line 12, and as shown in to Fig. 3, a cavitated core layer incorporates *pores or cavities* to make the core layer easy to split or break or fragment if an attempt is made to peel such material from a supporting substrate. It is the cavitated core layer that provides the "tamper-evident" layer of the label.

None of Haines, Indrelie, Dietz, and Kirk teaches or suggests a cavitated core layer as claimed. Specifically, it is noted that the polypropylene laminate 54 of Kirk is not an oriented polypropylene layer having a cavitated core as claimed. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 5 is withdrawn as a non-elected species. Since generic claim 1 is believed to be allowable, it is requested that claim 5 be considered as it depends from claim 1.

Non-elected claims 20-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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